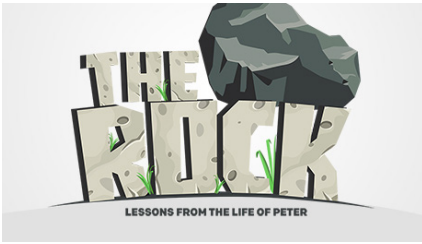


# Small Group Experience

## LESSON 7 - “You’re So Lame”



### Whatchagaddaknow?:

“God Can Use Me To Do Miracles For Him!”



### Power Verse:

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

–Ephesians 2:10

## Retelling The Bible Story

### SUPPLY LIST:

\* Bible Story Pictures Print Piece (provided; print one set)

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, familiarize yourself with the story so you can facilitate and guide discussion. Print the Bible Story Pictures Print Piece. Once small group begins, divide the kids into four groups. To review the Bible Story, give each group one picture and ask them to examine the picture and discuss the events of that part of the story together. Once this is complete, allow each group to show their picture and share their thoughts on that part of the story. Continue on this way until the story is complete. Guide discussion and fill in any gaps in the storyline as needed.

**Say-** Jesus gave Peter a mission, and our story picks up when it’s time for Peter to begin fulfilling his call to ministry. I am dividing you into four groups. Each group will have one picture from our Bible Story. Review your picture, and discuss the events of your part of the story together.

**-Allow time for the groups to complete the task-**

**Say-** Now it’s time for you to share your part of the story with the group. Who had the first Bible Story picture? Please share your picture and part of the story.

**-Allow time for the group to share their picture and part of the story-**

**Say-** Who had the second Bible Story picture? Please share your picture and part of the story.

**-Allow time for the group to share their picture and part of the story-**

**Say-** Who had the third Bible Story picture? Please share your picture and part of the story.

**-Allow time for the group to share their picture and part of the story-**

**Say-** Who had the fourth and final Bible Story picture? Please share your picture and part of the story.

**-Allow time for the group to share their picture and part of the story-**

**Say-** Thank you for participating in our Bible Story review. Let’s talk about a few things together. I would love to hear your thoughts.

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**Ask-** What were Peter and John on their way to do?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Ask-** From the story, we know that every day the crippled man begged for money at the temple gate. Why were Peter and John the first believers to offer the man help beyond money?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Ask-** What might have happened if Peter and John were too busy to notice the crippled man?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond, discuss their answers with the group-**

### **Game/Activity**

#### **SUPPLY LIST:**

\* Power Verse Print Piece (provided; print one set per team)

#### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Before small group begins, print and cut the Power Verse print pieces. Once activity time begins, divide the group into teams. This activity is a relay to see which team can put the Power Verse in order the fastest. Place the Power Verse pieces in piles on the ground - one pile per team. Make sure the verse pieces are mixed up. Have each team line up across the room from their pile. To start the game, say “go!” One player from each team should race to their pile, pick up one word, and then return to their team and place the word on the ground. The next person in line will repeat these steps. Once a team has collected all their word pieces, they should race to put the words of the Power Verse in the correct order. The first team to accomplish this task wins. This will be a fun lesson concept reinforcing activity and can be played multiple rounds as time allows.*

**Say-** It’s time to get your schedule in order! What schedule, you ask? I printed the words to the Power Verse on calendars, but they’re out of order. Your mission is to get ALL your word pieces to your team line and then the words of the verse in their correct order. When I say “go,” one team member will race to their team’s word pile and pick up one piece. Once you pick up a word piece, return it to your team and place it on the ground. The next person in line will repeat these steps. Continue on this way until you collect all the word pieces. When your team has all your word pieces, race to place the words of the Power Verse in correct order. The first team to get the verse in order wins!

**-Play the Power Verse Relay; this can be played multiple rounds as time allows-**

### **Group Sharing**

#### **SUPPLY LIST:**

\* No additional supplies needed

#### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Group sharing is focused on encouraging the kids to open up and discuss the lesson concepts and relate those concepts to their lives. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time.*

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**Say-** Have you ever been busy? I am talking about “full calendar, so much to do, rushing through your days to get everything accomplished” busy. Maybe you had to go to school all day, then do homework, sports practice, chores, and try to fit in eating a few meals...and hopefully brushing your teeth.

**Ask-** Would anyone like to share about a time in your life where you felt crazy busy? A day or season when your schedule seemed out of control?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond-**

**Say-** Life seems to have endless checklists of things for us to do. A busy schedule is normal for most. When our schedule is full and our focus is scattered, we often miss or overlook key things. We might leave the house without our lunch or our phone. We get to school and realize the homework we spent two hours on last night is sitting on the kitchen counter. Can you relate? I sure can! What does this have to do with Peter and miracles? Let’s talk about that. Peter and John were busy guys. They were part of a small group that Jesus had tasked with building His church. Remember, the church as we know it today didn’t begin until after Jesus ascended into Heaven. Peter and John were part of the launch team. This was a massive undertaking. They were traveling and speaking, training other ministers, leading discipleships, raising funds to help the cause, and fulfilling the Great Commission to tell others about Jesus. Peter and John were on their way to church when they encountered the crippled man. I’m sure they had many things to accomplish that day, and yet they paused when the man asked for money.

**Ask-** What do you think caused Peter and John to pause for the crippled man?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Say-** Peter and John paused because they were aligned with the heart of Jesus. They may have been busy, but their schedule wasn’t out of control. They weren’t too scattered to miss key things, like someone in need of a miracle. Because Peter and John were willing to listen to God and obey, He used them to do a miracle!

**Ask-** Did God need Peter and John to do the miracle?

**-Allow kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Say-** God didn’t need Peter and John, but He WANTED to use them to do His miracle.

**Ask-** Does God still do miracles?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Say-** God is the same today as He was when Peter and John walked the earth. He still does miracles! Here’s another awesome fact - God is still in the business of using His followers to do miracles in His name. Listen to the words of the PowerVerse again - “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” – Ephesians 2:10

**Ask-** What does this verse mean to you?

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**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Say-** God created you with a plan and a purpose. You are His masterpiece, made new in Jesus, so you can do things He planned LONG AGO! God wants to use you to do miracles for Him. How amazing! But there’s just one problem - our schedule. It’s busy, remember? Our days are filled with too many things to do and a lot of distractions. Our schedules tend to be out of control. What did we say happens when you have an out-of-control schedule? You miss key things! If you aren’t aligned with God’s heart, you might completely overlook the hurting, someone in need, or a cool God opportunity.

**Ask-** What can we do to make sure we don’t miss key things and God opportunities?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answer with the group-**

**Say-** If you want to be used by God, you have to get your schedule under control! I’m not talking about canceling all of your activities. That isn’t the answer. I am talking about getting the schedule of your heart and mind under control. Align yourself with the heart of God, and ask Him to help you be sensitive to His voice, His leading, and His plans. You may have a busy schedule, but that doesn’t mean you have to live with a distracted heart.

### **Prayer Time**

**Say-** God wants to use you to do miracles! I am going to pray that your heart will be on God’s schedule so that when He presents you with opportunities, you are ready!

**Pray**

### **Closing**

**Say-** Peter and John managed to see what hundreds, if not thousands, of people before them had missed- a God opportunity. They noticed a man who was crippled from birth and stopped to talk with him. When he shared his need, Peter listened to God and knew how to respond. “I don’t have any money, but I can offer you something far better. In Jesus’ name, rise up and walk!” What a miracle! The crippled man sat at the temple gate every day, begging for money. People going to and from the house of God passed him by, and yet he was never touched by the power of God until that day. It took two men who had their heart schedules aligned with God to finally introduce him to the life-altering power of the Creator. Peter and John didn’t miss this key moment; they captured it! There are people everywhere waiting for a touch from God. Will you notice the need? Will you be the one God uses to change their lives? It is possible! God wants to use you to do a miracle! Align your heart with the heart of God, and be willing to listen and obey. Thank you for coming today. I will see you again soon.





















